

Iron County Register.

UPROAROUS FUN IN COURT.

The Very Funny Editor of a Funny Paper Sued for Libel.

ERIC, Pa., Nov. 19.
Never in the judicial annals of Erie county has the Quarter Sessions furnished such exquisite humor as the term of court now holding. Among the indictments found by the Grand Jury were three for criminal libel, the defendants being John Boyer, editor of the *Daily Leuchthurn*, and Messrs. Frank Weiss and Henry Herbst, editors of the *Weekly Sonntagspost*, a humorous and illustrated weekly. The prosecutor is John Fitch, a young member of the Young Men's Christian Association and of the Law and Order League. Fitch had played the part of amateur detective in the League's campaign against the liquor dealers, and the funny paper published a cartoon representing an artistic gallow, with a strangled corpse attachment, bearing a strong resemblance to Fitch. The deepest interest is manifested in the legal proceedings, the Young Men's Christian Association being arrayed on the one side and the entire German element on the other. The latter were dismayed at the opening of the Sessions by the District Attorney claiming an ancient right to "stand aside" any juror called until the box was filled with men acceptable to the Commonwealth, the standing aside being independent of the peremptory challenges, and allowable to the extent of standing aside the entire panel, practically enabling the Commonwealth to get a jury of its own selection. Such a practice was unknown in the Erie courts. The District Attorney showed that the right existed in an unreported statute of King Edward I., enacted in the ninth century, and sustained as good law by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, because the statute has never been repealed by Parliament or Legislature. The Court had no alternative but to rule in favor of the District Attorney, and, in consequence, no German or Irishman could get into the box on the liquor trials. This was a blue prospect for the editors, and, in consequence, no German or Irishman could get into the box on the liquor trials. The saddest-looking man attending court is the editor of the funny paper, Frank Weiss. To look at him one would naturally suppose him to be an ascetic, his sombre expression being strongly suggestive of self-abnegation and funerals. But, withal, Weiss is the most comical person within the purview of the court. While sitting in court, with features of importunate gravity, he conceived the idea of turning the whole proceedings into ridicule, and converting tragedy into travesty. On the second morning after the Judge had ruled in favor of the "stand aside" claim, Weiss convulsed everybody by coming into court with an armful of ancient legal literature, obtained by ransacking every law library in the city, and asserting a right, under the ruling of the Court, to establish his innocence by ordeal, or trial by combat. He contended that if unrepented ancient procedure is good law his claim to demand the "wager of battle" was as just and equitable as the "stand aside" privilege. Shrieks of laughter followed the sad-faced man's demand, irresistibly comical in itself, but the more exquisite from the fact that he is a little, attenuated, weak-chested, asthmatic weighing 98 pounds, while his adversary is a herculean Christian who tips the scale at 200 pounds, and before whom in a personal encounter the funny editor would melt away like the hoar frost under the morning sun. Weiss has carefully drawn up all his rights under the unrepented laws, and he proposes to make this judicial district sick of King Edward the First. These alleged rights are: First—"The ordeal of fire." He claims that he can demand the establishment of his innocence by offering to plunge his arm in boiling oil, pick up red-hot iron, or walk barefoot over nine red-hot ploughshares, and that if he sustains no hurt by the operation his innocence will be proved, and the costs belong to the prosecutor. But this test, after mature deliberation, he will waive. "All that remains," says Weiss, "is to demand the trial by combat, and may God defend the guiltless." He describes the procedure of this combat as follows: Producing ancient authority in its support: "The Judges and clergy are to assemble on a given day, and before them the accused person must fling down his glove and declare his intention to defend the same with his body. The prosecutor will then pick it up and announce his readiness to make good the appeal, body for body. Then both men will bring out their battle axes or javelins, and, kneeling before the Judges, will make oath that the weapons have not been charmed by witchcraft, &c. This done, each is to grasp his axe in the right hand, and the left hand of the other in his left. The accused person says: 'Hear this, O man, who callest thyself John Fitch by the name of baptism, that I, who call myself Frank Weiss by the name of baptism, do not libel you, so help me God and all the saints.' To which the accuser will reply: 'Hear me, O man, whom I hold by the hand, and who callest thyself Frank Weiss by the name of baptism, that I do hold thee perjured, and this I will prove with my body, so help me God and all the saints.' At a signal from Judge Galbraith the men will come out of their corners and go for each other, and his cause shall be deemed just who succeeds in carrying up the other before the going down of the sun.

The merriment caused by Weiss's claim can better be imagined than described. One stout juror came near having a fit of apoplexy, and another laughed himself into ineffectuality. During the roars of laughter Weiss stood without a smile on his face, a picture of solid, substantial misery. While conscious of the absurdity of his claims and the impossibility of substantiating them, Weiss made the appeal with a tragic earnestness that almost induced convulsions. The upshot is likely to be that the case will be laughed out of court.

Important Notice.

CITY TAXES.—Collector Patton desires us to call attention to the fact that Taxes are now due, and to state that he will proceed against all delinquents after December 1st. So come forward at once, and thereby save time, expense and annoyance. The law is imperative, and the Collector is going to enforce it.

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Missouri News.

Corn has dropped to 30 cents per bushel at Maysville.
Hunting is said to be good in the Missouri bottoms.
Hannibal has a post of the Grand Army of the Republic.
Perry county claims to have panthers twelve feet long.
Pierce City merchants are shipping large quantities of apples.
The hog law was passed in Carroll county by a large majority.
The Missouri Bar Association will meet at Sedalia December 27.
The Butler Oil Company commenced boring at Adrian last week.
Sedalia has five merchant mills, doing a business of \$400,000 a year.
Pecans are worth \$2 per bushel at Rich Hill and Hickory nuts 75 cents.
Lafayette and Vernon counties adopted the hog law at the last election.
Howell county increased her vote this year to 1,650, from 1,400 in 1880.
The cars are not likely to run to West Plains before the first of March.
The El Dorado News says two coal banks are in full blast near that place.
The citizens of De Soto support a kindergarten school by subscription.
L. G. Johnson sold his farm of 188 acres in Platte county for \$7,000, recently.
Barry county's total vote this year is 2,658, an increase of over 200 since 1880.
The apple crop in Lafayette county is worth as much this year as the wheat crop.
Real estate to the value of \$51,000 changed hands in Johnson county recently at advanced prices.
Messrs. Durkee & Stout have at their cattle ranch in Vernon county 800 head of feeding steers.
Howell county decided by 91 majority over two-thirds of all the votes cast to build a court house.
Joplin has grown so fast that with 1,500 children of school age she has school room for only about 700.

The proposition to remove the county seat of Stoddard county from Bloomfield to Dexter was defeated.
John Reddick, of Perry county, Ohio, has bought S. McBurney's farm near Odessa, 160 acres, at \$50 per acre.
More apples have been shipped this year from Liberty than ever before, within the memory of the oldest inhabitant.
The wheat crop of Missouri looks more promising now than it did this time last year, and there is a good deal more of it.
Weston has to ship apples by the carload in bulk, because barrels cannot be obtained fast enough to meet the demand.
The vote on the removal of the court house in Stoddard county from Bloomfield to Dexter stood for removal 1,173, against 1,238.
A tract of land near Pierce City, which was bought a few years ago at \$10 per acre, was sold to a Tennesseean the other day for \$60 per acre.
A Holden girl began canning tomatoes with nineteen warts on his hands and quit with never a one in sight. The tomato juice did the work.
A new kind of marble ware is made at the Cape Girardeau pottery. The process is known to only four of the employees, and they are going to take out a patent.

An Old Time Sheriff's Return.

[From the West Plains Journal.]
THOMASVILLE, Sept. 25, 1882.
Ed. Journal.—In looking over some old papers my eye fell upon the following return of a Sheriff, written in a very bold, plain hand, which you are at liberty to publish if your columns are not otherwise too much crowded. Do not destroy its beauty and symmetry by omitting any of its orthography. I send a literal copy:
To John Buford Requear
SIR
Atune in me invested by Law and at the Request of J. R. Woodside Circuit attorney I Gamblin Weeks Sheriff of Reynolds County there presents A Summons to you as A Gamesheer to Bee and appear before the Honorable the Judge of the next term thereof at A Court to be held at Centerville in April the 1882 then an there to Answer an oath What money or property and the Amount that you owe at that Term to James Y. Carpenter now that the San Can B. Aitch to satisfy A Judgment and execution that the State of Missouri Recovered Against him for indictment found Against him at September term A d 1880 for With I Now have in my hands an Execution against the Sa James Carpenter this 20th day of September bear for Collection
GAMBLIN WEEKS
Sheriff Reynolds County Mo
On the back of the foregoing legal document was the following indorsement:
This Gamesheer Searched on Mr John Buford Esq by Leaven him A Copy on 25 day of September A d 1881 an All saw I deean it to him by me
Gamblin Weeks Sheriff fees to \$1
As Howell and Texas counties have quite a lot of good men who desire the office of Sheriff, and may not be familiar with the forms of Sheriff's return, I thought I would submit to their consideration Gamblin Weeks' form of the olden time.
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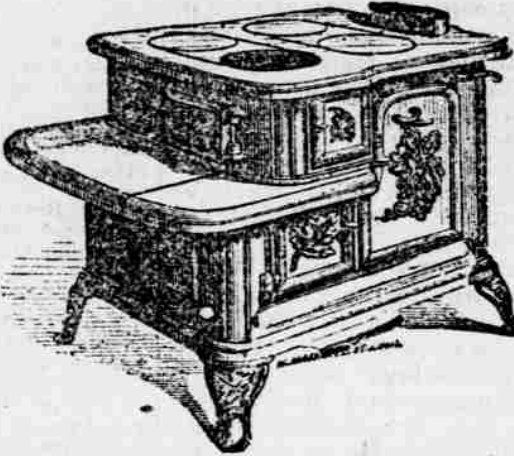
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